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## MRS. GUNNESS DEAD, SO RINGS INDICATE

Most of Doubt About Her  
Fate Removed by Latest  
Discovery.

## STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST LAMPHERE

More Facts Point to Suspect as  
Slayer of Woman Who Kill-  
ed Nearly Score.

LA PORTE, Ind., May 12.—Coroner's Physician Meyer, during the second examination today of the body of the woman taken from the ruins of the Gunness home, found three rings on one of the hands. One was a plain gold ring and the others diamond rings. The gold ring had this inscription on the inside: "P. G. to J. S.—August 22, '94."

**Mrs. Gunness' Rings.**  
"P. G." is believed to stand for Philip Gunness, Mrs. Gunness' second husband. One of the diamond rings bore this inscription: "P. S. to J. S.—3-5-95." The third ring had no inscription. The discovery is believed to remove most of the doubt that Mrs. Gunness perished in the fire.

Persons who knew Mrs. Gunness declare she wore three rings, two diamond rings and a plain gold band ring. The rings were not found when Dr. Meyer first examined the body because the fingers were badly charred and the rings had sunk into the flesh. Dr. Meyer and Dr. J. L. Gray, in an official report of their examination to the coroner, said the woman and her three children had evidently met death while they were in bed or preparing to retire. Fragments of night gowns were found on the woman's body and on the bodies of the children. The report says the woman's body bore no scars nor evidence of violence.

## Has Evidence Against Lamphere.

State's Attorney Smith today announced that he has strong evidence against Ray Lamphere. He claims to have reached a complete solution of the mystery surrounding the whole affair and says the final steps in clearing the matter up will be taken today or tomorrow.

The report is current that the authorities, besides letters from Mrs. Gunness, found bloody clothing in Ray Lamphere's trunk, which was hidden in the hay loft of a barn near the Gunness home. Coroner Mack and State's Attorney Smith refuse to make a statement regarding this report, but it is believed to have much to do with their announced solution of the mystery.

Latest evidence indicates that Mrs. Gunness granted her victims, a close examination of the body of Andrew Helgeson shows this.

State's Attorney Smith is expected to bring the Lamphere case before the grand jury and a speedy indictment is sure to follow.

## Letter Mailed After Death.

A letter received by Christen Hansen, a Norwegian laborer, living in a suburb of Kansas City, signed "Mrs. B. S. Gunness," caused much speculation when the authorities here heard of it today. It was dated May 1, 1908, four days after the fire in which Mrs. Gunness is supposed to have been burned to death, and did not reach its address until late Saturday. The letter reads as follows:

"Laporte, Ind., May 1, 1908.  
"Mr. Christen Hansen, Armourdale, Kas.

"Dear Sir: I am a lonely Norwegian woman, and you have been recommended to me by a mutual friend, who tells me you have plenty of this world's goods and have a kind and generous disposition. I have a little property, five-acre farm, just fifty miles from Chicago, with a cozy twelve-room cottage, kitchen, and the rest, and badly need a good, kind husband to look after myself and small family of three children. I have two little girls and a boy five years old. My father died five years ago when he was a little baby, so he needs a father and one who will aid in his bringing up.

"You understand that I hire help here, but none of the men I hire can be depended on, so you must not come as a hired man, but as a husband. I will entertain you under my roof until we understand each other. You will find me competent and of a loving disposition.

"I have plenty of money upon which to live. You must have plenty of money, too. I order that I may know you are not a grifter and do not marry me for my money, you must be sure and bring with you \$1,000 in currency. I live only a few miles from Laporte and have a splendid farm and a nice little garden. Lovingly yours,  
"MRS. B. S. GUNNESS."

## Mrs. Gunness' Trail

## Not Found in Norway

CHRISTIANA, May 12.—A week's hunt by the police in which records have been searched and every possible inquiry made, has failed utterly to develop the slightest fact regarding Mrs. Gunness, the American arch-murderess. Not a person has been found who ever heard of her and no record of any description has been unearthed although the best men in the department have been detailed on the case.

A minute investigation at Trondheim has convinced the authorities there that Mrs. Gunness did not come from that city. It is believed she intentionally gave the wrong name of her home town.

## WEATHER REPORT.

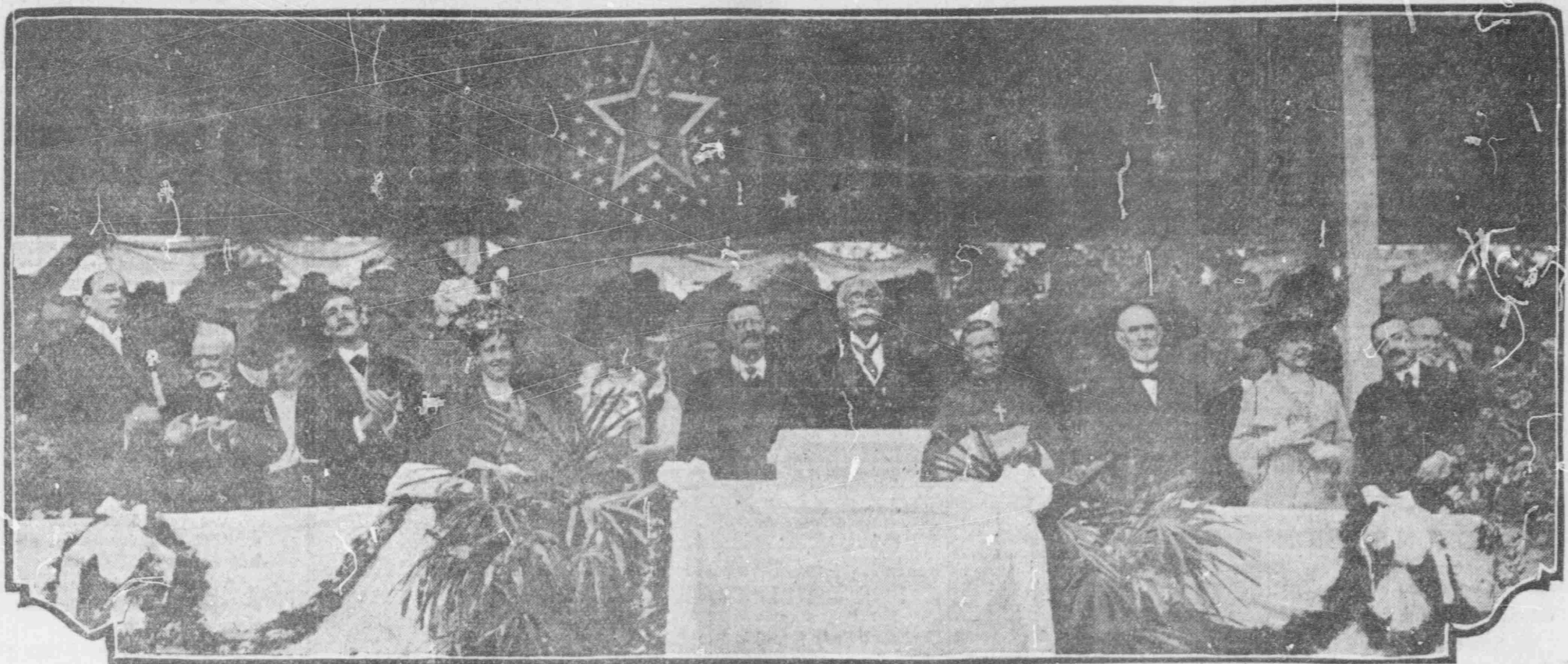
The indications for the next thirty-six hours point to fair weather, with continued high temperature in the East and South. The temperature in the lower Lake region will probably fall slightly. Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh to brisk southwesterly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

**TEMPERATURE.**  
Weather Bureau, Affleck's.  
12 noon..... 83  
1 p. m..... 85

**SUN TABLE.**  
Sun rises..... 4:50  
Sun sets..... 7:02

**TIDE TABLE.**  
High water today..... 5:26 p. m.  
Low water today..... 11:35 p. m.  
High water tomorrow..... 5:40 a. m., 5:12 p. m.  
Low water tomorrow..... 12:23 a. m.

## NOTABLE GROUP AT PAN-AMERICAN BUREAU CORNERSTONE LAYING



SNAPSHOT OF THE GRANDSTAND TAKEN BY THE TIMES STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER AS THE CORNERSTONE WAS PLACED IN POSITION.

Reading From Left to Right—John Barrett, Director of the Bureau of American Republics; Andrew Carnegie, Elihu Root, Secretary of State, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Roosevelt, President Roosevelt, Ambassador Nabuco, of Brazil; Cardinal Gibbons, Ambassador Bryce, of Great Britain; Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, and George B. Cortelyou, Secretary of the Treasury.

## Pindall Brings His Government To Keep Rival From Stealing It

Wily Arkansas Acting Governor  
Outwits Deputy Acting  
Governor.

Majority of State Boards Car-  
ried on Washington  
Trip.

Gov. X. O. Pindall, the acting chief executive of Arkansas, has come to Washington to attend the conference of governors and has brought his State government with him to keep his rival from running away with it.

In order to insure safe keeping, while he was absent, Governor Pindall thought the only safe plan was to carry his government right along to Washington with him. It is probably the only case on record in which an executive officer carries the government with him to keep it from being stolen when he isn't looking.

In the last day or two, dispatches have told that as soon as Governor Pindall started for Washington, Allan H. Hamiter, speaker of the house, seized the reins of power and proclaimed himself governor. The governor of the State proper is incapacitated by illness from serving as chief executive. Under the constitution of Arkansas, the president of the senate becomes acting governor under such circumstances. Mr. Pindall is president of the senate and for some time has been acting governor.

Under this provision of the constitution, Hamiter has undertaken to govern Arkansas in the absence of Governor Pindall.

But Mr. Pindall was aware of what the speaker of the house intended to do. He did not look upon the occasion as one that necessitated anyone acting as governor in his place, but Hamiter was, apparently, ambitious to hold the reins of authority. So Mr. Pindall concluded to bring with him to Washington his secretary of state, O. C. Ludwick, and enough of the state officials who are members of the important boards through which the governor of Arkansas transacts much of his business, to leave those boards so stripped of members as to make it impossible for them to do any business of importance in his absence. He has a dozen Arkansas with him, most of them men prominent on the leading boards of the State.

The result is that Mr. Hamiter, while enjoying the title of acting governor of Arkansas, can grant pardons and appoint notaries public, and do a few minor things of that sort, but he cannot execute any decrees of any great moment and get them carried out.

## SPERRY COMMANDS

## FLEET THIS WEEK

Rear Admiral Thomas Retires, and

Emery Takes Charge of Sec-

ond Squadron.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—When the flag of Rear Admiral Thomas, commanding the Atlantic fleet, is hoisted down at the end of this week, there will be many important changes in the most prominent offices of the fleet. The chief command will be assumed by Rear Admiral Sperry, and Rear Admiral Emery will take command of the second squadron.

Captain Schroeder and Captain Wainwright, both of whom will become rear admirals in July, will be in charge of the flagships of the second and fourth divisions, and practically will have the full duties of rear admirals so long.

It is announced that the Maine and the Alabama, which are to be detached from the Atlantic fleet, here, will make the voyage to New York by way of the Suez Canal.

## BOSTON BROKERS SUSPENDED.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The suspension of Nickerson, Simmons & Buss, of 60 State street, Boston, was announced on the Consolidated Stock Exchange today.

H. C. Nickerson was the board member. The suspension in Boston was announced in a dispatch earlier in the day.

## MRS. MCCORMICK CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Daughter of Senator Hanna  
Will Head Civic Federation  
Woman's Department.

Mrs. Joseph Medill McCormick, of Chicago, formerly Miss Ruth Hanna, will be president of the National Civic Federation.

Election of officers was held this morning, but because of an indisposition of several who were elected to serve because other duties claim their attention, the election will be revised and announced later in the afternoon.

The selection of Mrs. McCormick as head of the national woman's department, devoted entirely to welfare work, was a foregone conclusion. It was through Mrs. McCormick's interest in the federation and its purpose that the women of the country were enlisted in its folds, and she has worked untiringly to bring greater influences to bear to better the conditions of working people.

## Lived With Stockyards Worker.

Mrs. McCormick was influential in organizing the New York branch, and its progress has been remarkable. In Chicago, where her endeavors were stated, Mrs. McCormick studied out the problem by living among the employees of the stock yards and so gained first-hand knowledge of these conditions which not only led to the formation of the Chicago and New York societies, but has resulted in a national organization, which will carry the work into every State in the country.

The other officers are vice chairmen, Miss Annie Morgan, Mrs. E. Borden Harriman, Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Mrs. John Orlin, Mrs. Henry Higinson, and Mrs. Benjamin Ide Wheeler; treasurer, Mrs. Thurston Ballard; secretary, Miss Gertrude Books.

The two days' conference of the National Civic Federation ended with the morning session today. A series of addresses detailing the progress of welfare work in various industries were made.

Charles Moore, a member of one of the largest electrical and manufac-

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## GOVERNORS ARRIVE FOR BIG CONCLAVE

Sessions Will Be Opened To-  
morrow Morning in  
White House.

Washington was overflowing today with governors from nearly every State in the Union, each accompanied by three delegates, who have come here at the invitation of President Roosevelt to participate in the conference for the conservation of the natural resources of the country.

The sessions of the conference will not begin until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, at which time the governors and delegates will assemble in the East Room. Tonight, however, President Roosevelt will have his dinner guests at the White House all of the governors in attendance, and the justices of the Supreme Court, as well as Andrew Carnegie, James J. Hill, William Jennings Bryan, and John Mitchell.

Never before in the history of the White House has there been a more distinguished and representative gathering of officials around the banquet board. The dinner will be as informal as such an affair possibly can be, and every effort has been made to permit a free and easy exchange of opinions among the chief executives from the various States.

## Provision for All.

Provision also has been made for the numerous delegates, although in this case private entertainments and dinners will occupy their time during the first night in Washington. Many of the Senators and Representatives will keep open house tonight to entertain the visitors from their home States, and in several instances, alumni associations have arranged extensive programs.

Every big hotel in the city is crowded to its capacity, and those who were unfortunate enough to forget to make reservations in advance found it impossible to get a room.

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## TILLMAN RETURNS; IS IN SANITARIUM

Southern Senator, Improved  
in Health, Prepares for  
European Trip.

Senator Benjamin F. Tillman, of South Carolina, is a patient in the Healtharium, at Fifteenth and I streets northwest, where he is undergoing treatment for a nervous breakdown prior to sailing for Europe next Saturday, to spend the summer. He arrived in Washington Sunday night.

The presence in Washington of Senator Tillman was not generally known until today. Accompanied by Mrs. Tillman, he came here very quietly and went to the Healtharium, an institution conducted by Dr. Alma C. Arnold, a chiropractic physician.

## Recovers From Stroke.

Senator Tillman had a stroke of paralysis some weeks ago, and is recovering from its effects. He is resting quietly, receiving only a few visitors, and is improving steadily. The Senator is able to get about by himself, and went out for a short walk yesterday. He believed that he will be strong enough to start on his European trip next Saturday.

When it became known today that Senator Tillman had returned to Washington, much interest was displayed at the Capitol. Grave rumors had been heard concerning Senator Tillman's health, and dispatches from his South Carolina home even went so far as to state that some doubt was felt as to whether Senator Tillman ever would return to his Congressional duties.

His removal to Washington was accomplished without the knowledge of his townspeople, and when it became known that he had slipped away for treatment, accompanied by Mrs. Tillman, it was generally believed that the Senator was worse than had been supposed.

## News Leaks Out.

Efforts were made to keep the news of Senator Tillman's arrival in Washington from the public, but it reached the Capitol ultimately, and several of the Senator's associates went to call on him. Senator Tillman was in fine spirits, they said today, and he seemed to be greatly improved in health. He has not fully recovered from the effects of the paralytic stroke, but he is slowly regaining his strength. Overwork and worry did much to shatter his nerves, but quiet and rest are doing much to restore him.

Senator Tillman has canceled all his speaking engagements, and he will spend the summer and fall at European health resorts.

## TURFMAN FIGHTS

## CRUELTY AGENT

"Father Bill" Daly in Court, Fol-

lowing Complaint About Treat-

ment of Child.

NEW YORK, May 12.—"Father Bill" Daly, the horseman, was arraigned in the Convey Island court today following a sensational fight between him and Frederick Herkstrater, an agent of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Daly acknowledged in court that he had slapped his little girl, but declared that it was simply parental punishment of the child because the girl had slapped her younger sister Kate in a quarrel. Daly said he knew nothing about his wife having complained to the Children's Society, but that it made no difference, as he punished his children as he saw fit.

## HUGHES SPURNS

## VICE PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK, May 12.—Governor Hughes has written a letter to Gen. Stewart Woodford, president of the Hughes League, formally stating that he would not accept a nomination for the Vice Presidency.

## HAYWOOD RETIRES AS DEBS' OPPONENT

Former Mine Official Wants  
Harmony in Socialist  
Ranks.

## MAY HAVE SECOND PLACE ON TICKET

Convention Plans Great Press Bu-  
reau, to Be Aided by Famous  
Authors.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The following statement was issued today by William D. Haywood:

"Because many of my personal friends have felt that I should permit my name to go before the Socialist National Convention for endorsement as its candidate for President, and because at this time the delegates assembled are considering their action on my nomination as declared in order, I feel that it is best to make a statement, so that it may reach all of my comrades throughout the United States.

"First, I am not a candidate. I realize that it is the highest honor in any man's life to be chosen by his fellows as their standard-bearer, and any honors that my comrades in the movement might confer on me naturally would be appreciated, but I feel that at present I can best serve my co-workers, myself, and, above everything else, our cause, by working as a private in the ranks.

"No matter who may be nominated—and we certainly have an abundance of excellent timber—I would desire nothing better than to devote every effort of mine to advocating both our principles and our candidate, and be able to do so without considering the personal equation. For what my comrades have done for me in the past I naturally am grateful. Their loyal, honest fellowship has greatly aided me when I most needed aid.

"Because of this, and because I am satisfied that I can do more good for our cause if not a candidate—and incidentally, I never was a candidate—I have asked my friends to cease their efforts to force my nomination. I will do all in my power to help the cause and will speak in every State between now and November in favor of our ticket and our principles."

## Clash Was Feared.

William D. Haywood thus eliminated himself from the forthcoming Socialist campaign as a candidate. Haywood took this action after a lengthy and somewhat heated conference with his friends. They did not like the look of things in the convention and frankly told him so.

Former Lieutenant Governor David C. Coates of Colorado, a delegate from Idaho, told Haywood emphatically that if he permitted his name to go before the convention he would make a fatal mistake. It was with much reluctance that he agreed to run for Vice President. He informed the former secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, and in view of the significance of the action, he telegraphed the congratulatory telegram. It simply meant the defeat of Haywood and great dissension among the delegates.

The convention in the convention is well pleased today as a result of Haywood's action. By doing this he again has shown that he is as a real factor in the party, and that he will be waited on by a delegation from the Western States, which will ask him to run for Vice President. This he will not do unless the pressure is great.

The convention today took up the preparation of the platform and the declaration of principles. Much time will be devoted to this, and it is expected that the afternoon nominations will be in order.

The establishment of a Socialist press bureau of a broader character than ever known in other political parties is the plan of the editors who have charge of the official publications of the organization, and of whom are here. The bureau will be of international scope. In each country it is to be under the separate jurisdiction of the national party.

## To Spread Doctrine.

Its function will be that of gathering and disseminating news to promote the growth of the party. The plan contemplates the establishment of "schools of journalism in the large socialist centers of all countries, the collection of leaflets, booklets, magazines, and newspapers, and the purveying of news by telegraph and through local distributing agencies. Classes in novel, dramatic, poetical, and scientific writings are proposed. Not only through newspapers and pamphlets, but through plays, fiction, poetry, songs, and cartoons do the propagandists hope to reach the minds of the workers.

World-famous authors have consented to contribute their efforts in any manner suggested to make the bureau a success. It is asserted. Among them are Tolstoy, Jack London, Bernard Shaw, Hall Caine, Rudyard Kipling, and others.

Definite plans will be perfected either by the convention or the committee on propaganda to begin operations immediately after the conclusion of the present convention.

## NEW STATION PLAN

## OF CHICAGO ROADS

CHICAGO, May 12.—A union passenger station and passenger terminal, to cover a lot of ground half a mile square and constituting the largest railroad terminal in the world, is being contemplated for the lower west side.

The roads interested are the Pennsylvania, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and the Chicago and Northwestern. In addition to these three dominating lines, the following four roads now using the Union depot will be housed in the proposed new station: Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago and Alton, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, and the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad.

## Connections for Annapolis

on and after Wednesday, May 13, Pennsylvania Railroad trains leaving Union Station, Washington, at 7:40 a. m., 12:30, 3:40, and 5:45 p. m., weekdays, and 6:45 p. m. Sundays, will connect at Odenton for Annapolis.—Adv.

## FACTS

Some of the Washington newspapers have been printing figures of advertising space and gains recently that are apt to mislead the reader unless he studies them carefully.

The statement following shows just what is the position of The Times in the Washington newspaper field.

The net daily average circulation of The Times for the first 4 months of 1908 was **44,606** (in April a daily average of **45,519**).

The net daily average circulation of The Star, the nearest competitor of The Times, for the first four months of 1908 was 38,128 (in April a daily average of 37,973).

The Times leads, therefore, by **6,478**, or 17 per cent.

More copies of The Times go into Washington homes than of any other paper.

The Times outsells every other Washington paper in each of the four divisions of the city—Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest—taken separately or together.

The Times circulation in result-bringing quality to the advertiser leads all others.

The cost of advertising in the Times, based on price per thousand circulation, is less than in any other Washington paper.

These are not simply claims, made without evidence at hand to support them. Detailed facts and figures at The Times office that abundantly prove them are always open for inspection.

Today in considering advertising in Washington The Times is the first paper to choose.